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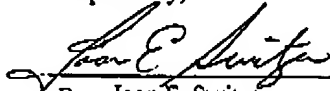
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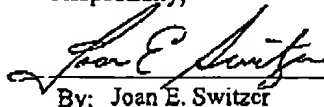
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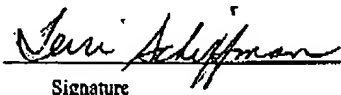
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.116

Sir:

This is in response to the outstanding Final Office Action dated November 1, 2005 received in connection with the above captioned matter. In that a response to the Final Office Action is due on February 1, 2006, this response is timely and no further extension of time is needed. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendment to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.